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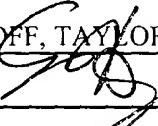
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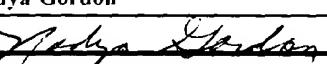
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Paid		
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920 *	1804	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840 *	1805	1,840 *	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1404	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	750	1809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)				

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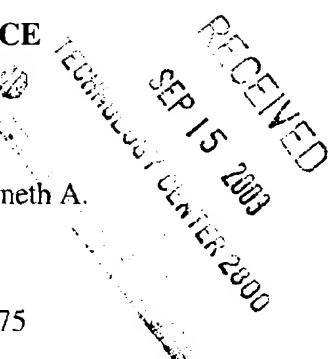
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth below and consideration of the remarks that follow.